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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Receipts and Expenditures

—OF THE—

TOWN OF HAMILTON,

From March 1, 1871 to March 1, 1872.

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REPORT.

Receipts.

Cash in Treasury, March 1871,	$2,186 07
Money hired,	250 00
Received of Collector, 1870,	521 21
" " " 1871,	5,485 32
Interest on County Tax,	3 39
State Aid Reimbursed,	324 00
Received on account of State Paupers,	78 00
Received Massachusetts School Fund,	126 00
Corporation Tax,	336 95
National Bank Tax,	333 09
State Aid for Nancy Dodge refunded,	4 00
Sale of Two Burial Lots,	20 00
Sale of School Books,	111 04
Interest on Taxes not paid Jan. 1, 1872,	3 94
Sale of Rubbish, W. School h. $1.25, stove pipe E.S.H. 50c.	1 75
Damage to glass E. School h. 72c. old stove, S. S. h. 40 c.	1 12
	$9,785 88

Expenditures.

Paid

County Tax,	$629 90

Treasurer's Account.

Notes Paid,	1,033 00
Interest on Notes,	1,136 13
State Aid to February 1,	224 00
State Tax paid,	1,250 00
Orders drawn the present year,	3,492 55
	$7,135 68

Schools.

Paid

NORTH.

John Tuttle, wood,	1 50
Samuel Dodge, wood,	7 50
Isaac F. Knowlton, wood,	8 00
Benjamin F. Deering, teaching Winter Term,	157 34
" " " building fire,	2 00
Albert L. Whipple, building fire,	2 50
C. A Appleton, sawing, splitting and housing wood,	6 00
Francis Dane, building fire 1870,	4 50
Ella T. Ellingwood, teaching, Summer Term,	106 25
	$295 59

SOUTH.

Joseph P. Lovering, wood, sawing and splitting,	$17 88
Henry P. Lovering, wood,	3 00
S. L. Groess, teaching, Winter Term,	133 33
Sophia F. Lovering, teaching, Summer Term,	106 25
Lewis C. Appleton, building fire,	4 50
	$264 96

EAST.

Isaac F. Knowlton, wood, sawing and splitting,	19 00
N. B. Butler, " " "	1 30
W. G. Reede, teaching, Winter Term,	133 33
R. Francis Priest, teaching, Summer Term,	106 25
George H. Cloutman, building fire,	4 50
	264 38

WEST.

Jarvis Lamson, wood, sawing and splitting,	23 12
Jarvis Lamson, building fire,	4 50
Arthur H. Kimball, teaching, winter term,	170 66
Kate T. Patterson, teaching Summer Term,	96 25
Louisa Chapman, teaching, Summer Term,	6 25
	$300 78

Total for Schools,.....$1,125 71

Expense and Repairs of School Houses.

Paid

Nathaniel B. Butler, shingles, nails, glass, putty, &c , for E. S. House,	$11	07
Glass and Setting,	1	92
Brooms, 75c., Glass, 90c. for E. S. H.	1	65
Chalk for Schools,		95
Teaming Shingles from Ipswich for Shed for E. S. House,	1	50
Services rendered and Cash paid for cleaning chimney, and repairing funnel E. S. House,		75
Repairing Shed E. S. House,	2	00
Services rendered and Cash paid for procuring and setting up Stove Pipe E. S. House,	2	00
Arthur H. Kimball, Chalk for W. School,		48
Rufus A. Dodge, Labor on West School House,	32	00
John H. Cogswell, Shingles for West School House,	85	61
John Pickett, Lime for West School House,	1	65
John T. Woodbury, setting glass East School House,	2	55
Joanna Kent, cleaning East School House,		50
Nellie Knowlton and others, sweeping and cleaning E. S. H.,	1	45
David Tucker, repairing shed E. S. H.	3	00
John T. Woodbury, Boards for shed E. S. H.	1	00
B. S. Lunt, Stove-Pipe E. S. H.	10	00
Isaac Porter, Repairs on South S. House, (1870,)	4	75
A. H. Patch, Brooms, " "	1	00
John T. Ropes, Stove " "	13	00
Charles Perkins, Mason-work West School House,	23	50
J. Choate, labor and materials painting West School House,	116	76
Setting Glass North and South School Houses,	3	65
Labor on Blackboards, East School House,	1	25
Cash paid for Blackboard Liquid,	2	25
Labor and Materials on Blackboards S. School House,	4	50
Oliver Patch, Mending Plastering and Whitewashing S. S. H.	3	00
Mr. Cannon, cleaning South School House,	3	00
Jarvis Lamson, Teaming Lumber West School House,	5	00
Board for Carpenters and Masons,	6	00
Lumber furnished,	4	00
I. K. Jewett, Nails, West School House,	5	02
	356	76

Poor Department.

Paid

Elbridge Dodge, wood for Joanna Kent, (1870)	$8 00
Hannah E. Brown, Assistance to Travellers,	12 00
Robert Whipple, Groceries for Rob't F. Dodge, to Apr. '71,	5 00
Joseph Knowlton 2d, H. Rent for Joanna Kent to Apr. '71,	6 25
Est. of Geo. Meacom, H. Rent Mrs. R. F. Dodge to May 1, '71,	32 50
Joshua Dowst, Assistance to Travellers,	10 00
N. B. Butler, " "	7 70
George Brown, " "	8 00
Levi Towle, " "	2 00
N. A. Durgin, " "	20 00
Essex Co. Receptacle for Insane, board of Kendall Dodge,	143 40
Essex Co. Receptacle for Insane, clothing of " "	25 00
Standley Rollins, services and board for Patrick McGuire,	5 00
Catharine Whipple, board of Thomas Manning,	51 00
Betsey Roberts, clothing purch. for Perley, son of J. B. Jowder,	9 00
Betsey Roberts, boots and board for Alvin, son of J. B. Jowder,	12 20
City of Salem, for assistance to children of Peter H Jowder,	5 50
N. B. Butler, clothing for Alvin Jowder,	4 87
Removing Alvin Jowder from Peabody,	1 00
Boots, Comb and Brush for Alvin Jowder,	3 41
Board 11 weeks for Alvin Jowder,	38 50
Dr. J. Flitner, medical attendance rendered Michael Patch,	28 00
George Brown, Stockings for Thomas Manning,	80
Dr. J. L. Robinson, Medical At. rendered Patrick McGuire,	3 00
Town of Ipswich, board of Michael Patch, one year,	214 00
Assistance rendered Mrs. Robert F. Dodge,	110 00
	$766 13

Removing Snow.

Highway District, No. 8, 1870	$1 30
" " " 8, 1871	14 20
" " " 7, 1871	7 70
" " " 6, 1871	25 10
" " " 5, 1871	20 80
" " " 4, 1871	18 00
" " " 3, 1871	15 60
" " " 2, 1871	39 75
" " " 1, 1871	4 10
	$146 55

Roads and Bridges.

Paid

Benjamin Woodbury, labor railing Moulton's Bridge and New Road,	4 75
Benjamin Woodbury, labor railing Factory Bridge,	4 50
Oliver Porter, Working Highway Tax for Mary Abby Dodge,	3 06
Josiah Woodbury, working Non Resident Tax,	12 24
Francis W. Brown, " " " "	12 24
" " Tax Estate of Isaac Patch,	5 63
Ira P. Knowlton, working Non Resident Tax,	12 24
William A. Brown, " " " "	12 24
Charles Patch, " " " "	12 24
Isaac F. Knowlton, " " " "	12 24
Jarvis Lamson, " " " "	12 24
Charles Odell, spikes for Factory Bridge,	1 65
Robert Stone, Labor and Plank for Factory Bridge,	4 40
George Roundy, Stringers for Factory Bridge,	59 84
" " Timber for Bridge near Israel Trask's House,	22 13
N. B. Butler, labor railing on Moulton's Bridge & New Road,	5 00
George Brown, Teaming lumber from Ipswich for railing,	2 00
" " Labor railing,	6 00
" " nails purchased,	1 01
" " Teaming Timber to Factory Bridge,	3 00
" " Labor and nails for Factory Bridge,	5 00
James F. Gwinn, Teaming Timber for Factory Bridge,	3 00
" " Labor Factory Bridge,	6 75
" " Teaming Timber from Beverly for Bridge near Trask's,	3 75
Daniel L. Hodgkins, lumber for railing,	9 79
	$236 94

Salaries and Fees.

Paid

N. B. Butler, services as Collector, (1870)	44 00
" " " " Assessor,	30 00
" " Making Annual Report,	4 00
" " services as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
" " " " School Committee,	15 00
" " " " Selectman,	18 25
George Brown, " " "	17 25
" " " " Assessor,	24 00
" " " " Overseer of Poor,	5 00
" " Making Annual Report,	4 00

James F. Gwinn, Making Annual Report,	4 00
" " services as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
" " " " Selectman,	17 25
" " " " Assessor,	24 00
Ira P. Knowlton, " " Constable,	6 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, " " Town Clerk,	10 00
Asahel H. Patch, " " School Committee,	12 00
Jarvis Lamson, " " " "	12 00
Daniel E. Safford, " " Treasurer,	30 00
	$286 75

Miscellaneous.

Paid

Salem Observer Office, printing Annual Report, (1870)	16 00
Henry P. Ives & Co., Stationery,	4 73
Thomas P. Barnes, 3 pairs of Hand Cuffs,	12 00
John Trefry, services as Committee on revising By-Laws, 1870,	5 00
Asahel H. Patch, " " " " "	5 00
Alvin Smith, services rendered in erecting a Boundary Stone between Topsfield & Hamilton, (1870)	1 50
B. B. Russell, 3 Double Maps for Schools,	3 75
Mason Brothers, Schools Books,	33 03
Thomson, Bigelow & Brown, School Books,	52 01
" " " " "	14 51
Asahel H. Patch, School Books,	62
Salem Observer Office, printing Tax Bills,	3 50
John L. Woodbury, three Guideboards,	3 75
Town of Wenham, one half the expense of two Boundary Stones between Wenham & Hamilton,	5 00
N. B. Butler, Expense in getting Annual Report printed, (1870)	1 50
" " Filling out paper for Female Tax payers, and writing notices for Cattle Disease,	2 50
N. B. Butler, Erecting Guideposts and Guideboards,	1 68
" " Taking Census of children,	1 50
" " Meeting County Commissioners on road near John Smith's House,	2 00
N. B. Butler, Copying Valuation Book (1870,) and sending Bank notices,	10 00
N. B. Butler, Dog Warrant and Certificate,	1 50
" " Meeting Commissioners on road near F. W. Brown's,	1 00
N. B. Butler, Meeting Com. on road near S. Dane's,	1 00
" " Filling out paper about Ashbury Grove,	1 50
" " " " " for Bureau of statistics of labor,	1 00
" " " " " for Tax Commissioner,	1 00

N. B. Butler, Stationery purchased of H. P. Ives,	1 40
" " Perambulating lines between Manchester and Hamilton,	2 00
N. B. Butler, Perambulating lines between Wenham and Hamilton,	2 00
N. B. Butler, Answering Circular of Tax Commissioner concerning Bank Shares,	1 00
N. B. Butler, Setting Boundary Stone between Wenham and Hamilton,	1 25
N. B. Butler, Postage,	1 91
George Brown, Copying Valuation Book (1870)	10 00
" " Perambulating lines between Manchester and Hamilton,	2 00
George Brown, Perambulating lines between Wenham and Hamilton,	2 25
George Brown, Answering circular of Tax Commissioner,	1 00
" " Setting Boundary Stones between Wenham and Hamilton,	2 00
George Brown, Filling out paper for Female Tax payers,	2 50
" " Census of children,	1 50
" " Meeting Commissioners on John Smith's road,	2 00
" " " " on road near F. W. Brown's	1 00
" " " " " " S. Dane's,	1 00
" " Filling out paper for Bureau of statistics of labor,	1 00
N. B. Butler, Making State Aid Report,	1 00
George Brown, " " " "	1 00
James F. Gwinn, " " " "	1 00
" " Filling out paper for Female Tax payers,	2 50
" " Census of children,	1 50
" " Meeting Commissioners on road near J. Smith's,	2 00
" " " " " " S. Dane's,	1 00
" " Filling out paper for bureau of statistics of labor,	1 00
James F. Gwinn, Copying Valuation Book, (1870)	10 00
" " Erecting Guide Boards,	75
" " Perambulating lines between Manchester and Hamilton,	3 00
James F. Gwinn, Perambulating lines between Wenham and Hamilton,	3 25
James F. Gwinn, Setting Boundary Stones between Wenham and Hamilton,	1 25
Congregational Parish, use of Vestry for Selectmen's Office, Town Meetings, &c ,	50 00
Daniel P. Dodge, Expressing,	4 20

Henry P. Lovering, assistance rendered Assessors concerning private Tenements on Camp Ground,	1 50
Isaac F. Knowlton, 2 Guide Posts,	1 50
" " Postage, Stationery and expressing,	2 50
" " Journey to Beverly to return Representative vote,	2 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths,	7 95
Foote & Horton, printing School Reports, (1870)	10 00
John Tibbets, Making return of Deaths,	1 00
	$332 38

Discount on Taxes.

Allowed N. B. Butler, Collector for 1871,	215 36

Abatements.

Allowed N. B. Butler, Collector:	
George Neal, Poll Tax 1870,	2 00
Aretus Wallis, " " "	2 00
Alden Patch, " " "	2 00
Oliver Appleton, part Poll Tax, 1870,	1 08
Sillsbee Adams, Poll Tax, 1871,	2 00
Charless Peabody, Poll Tax,	2 00
James E. Woodman, Poll Tax,	2 00
C. W. Colesworthy,	4 84
Alfred Cummings,	1 00
J. H. Muzzo, part of Tax,	1 34
Spinney & Richardson, part of Tax,	70
Newhall,	72
Kimball,	72
Tents on Sunny Side,	3 60
	$26 00

Recapitulation.

Paid County Tax,	$629 90
Notes paid,	1,033 00
Interest on Notes,	1,136 13
State Aid to Feb. 1st,	224 00
State Tax,	1,250 00
Schools,	1,125 71
Expense and Repairs of School Houses,	356 76
Poor Department,	766 13
Removing Show,	146 55

Roads and Bridges,	236 94
Salaries and Fees,	286 75
Miscellaneous,	332 38
Discount on Taxes,	215 36
Abatements,	26 00
	$7,765 61
Total amount of Orders drawn during the year,	$3,492 58
" " " paid " "	$3,492 58
Treasurer's Receipts for the year,	$9,785 88
Expenses of Treasurer,	$7,135 71
Balance in Cash March 1, 1871,	$2,650 17
Due on Collector's List for 1871,	596 65
In favor of the Town,	$3,246 82

Town Debt.

Amount of Notes against the Town,	$17,908 00
Deduct Balance in favor of Treasury, as above,	3,246 82
Town Debt,	$14,661 18

Town Debt, March 1st, 1871,	$15,908 83
Town Debt, March 1st, 1872,	$14,661 18
	$1,247 65

The balance of money due the East and North Schools, about fifty-five dollars, could not be drawn and paid because those schools had not closed. This sum together with several small, items, amounting to perhaps twenty-five dollars, are all the unpaid bills that we know of.

It will be seen that the Town Debt has been materially lessened the past year. If the town could go on this way it would all be paid off in ten or twelve years ; certainly during the present generation. But this can hardly be expected ; this excess of receipts above expenses is due the present year to several causes which cannot be expected to happen every year. The expenses for Snow and Roads, and the Poor Department have all been comparatively light ; and we have had no vexatious Law Suits.

Another reason is, the act concerning the National Bank Tax did not take effect until our usual amount of money had been raised and

appropriated. We have this sum in addition to what was expected last March.

As some extra expense for Roads is contemplated the present year, according to the orders of County Commissioners, and also to provide for contingencies, we cannot safely recommend any curtailment from last year in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated the coming year, as might at first be thought advisable by the large sum we now find in the treasury. Our amount appropriated for schools we find to be a little below the average in other towns.

We subjoin a list of School Books on hand, Feb. 19, 1872.

3 Writing Books; 6 2d Readers; 2 First Readers; 6 3d Readers; 8 4th Readers; 15 Spellers; 5 Intermediate Geographies; 11 Elementary Geographies; 1 Kerl's Grammar; 5 Tower's Grammars; 2 Green's Grammars; 10 Primary Arithmetics; 11 Intellectual Arithmetics; 1 Sargent's 3d Reader; 2 Histories,—value about $37 00.

School Books to the amount of $1 95 have also been furnished Willie Barker, Alfred Haskell, and Alvin Jowder by the Committee, at the expense of the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHANIEL B. BUTLER, } Selectmen
GEORGE BROWN, } of
JAMES F. GWINN, } Hamilton.

Hamilton, Feb. 29, 1872.

The foregoing account of the Selectmen have been this day examined, and the orders compare with the vouchers, and I find the amount of claims against the Town, which have been settled by orders on the Treasury, to be $3,492 58 all of which are satisfactory vouched for.

The accounts of the Treasurer D. E. Safford, have also been examined and found to be correct, and find the balance remaining in the Treasury to be $2,650 17.

JOHN TREFRY, Auditor.

Hamilton, March 1st, 1872.